Pony Penning Day At Chincoteague

Chincoteague, Va., July 25.- Wild horses, far from preventing, will be the reason some twelve thousand visitors will find their way to Chincoteague Island the last Thursday in July.

The occasion will be the round-up and auction of the famous little horses that have run wild on neighboring Assateague Island since early in the 16th century when, legend has it, a Spanish ship carrying a cargo of Spanish mustangs was wrecked off these coastal islands. Whether or not this was the ponies' introduction to America, the early settlers of the Eastern Shore of Virginia reported the wreck of a wooden vessel, put together with pegs, just off the shore.

First recorded in 1835, Pony Penning Day has grown in size and importance from the one-day holiday for the fishermen on the island to a ten-day affair of carnival, rodeo, parades and racing. The chief event of the festival actually begins on Wednesday when the fishermen-turned-cowboys - for-a-day in rubber hipboots and sou-westers force the several hundred ponies to swim Assateague Channel and herd them down the main street of the town into corrals. The auction is held on Thursday, the proceeds going to finance the volunteer fire department which, when organized in 1924 incorporated Pony Penning Day with the firement's carnival.

Even in the early days of pony penning, visitors from Pocomoke, Md. and Virginia villages on the mainland would come by boat to join the fun, bringing along as their contribution a "keg of corn" and their money to bet against the fishermen's bizarre "catch."

Today the salty lowlands, with gulls screaming loudly around the fishing boats tied up in Chincoteague Bay, are spanned by a modern causeway and bridge which has joined the ocean island to the mainland since 1927. And instead of the "keg of corn," rod and reel comprise an important part of the accountrement of those who know how to mix pleasure with pleasure.

The stunted but sturdy little horses come by their size from an unrelieved diet of marsh grass and myrtle leaves, their power from centuries of galloping on the sandy reaches of their uninhabited island and swimming in the surf. One pony has already made a name for himself in juvenile fiction, and happy are the many youngsters today who are the proud owners of their own "Misty of Chincoteague."

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Complete Study on Limas

The amount of vitamins in the lima beans you put on your table could well depend on when and where they were planted, and on how mature they were when picked.

This is indicated by a recently completed study by the Experiment Stations of Virginia, Mississippi and Georgia, and the U. S. Regional Vegetable Breeding Laboratory at Charleston, S. C.

James F. Eheart, associate chemist at the Virginia Station, says the effect of different dates of planting, bean maturity, and location on the ascorbic acid, thiamine, and riboflavin content of lima beans was determined over a four-year period in four locations in the South.

The Henderson Bush variety of lima beans was used in the study.

The researchers found that:

Time of planting had a fairly consistent effect on the ascorbic acid content of lima beans. Later plantings resulted in higher ascorbic acid content in Georgia and Mississippi.

However, thiamine and riboflavin contents of the beans were not influenced by date of planting.

Contents of all three vitamins decreased markedly with increasing maturity. The decrease was greatest for ascorbic acid content.

The differences between maturities in vitamin content varied from location to location.

The difference in vitamin content of lima beans between the three stages of maturity (immature green, mature green, and mature white) varied from one planting date to another. The difference in ascorbic acid content between immature green and mature white beans for the late planting was 20 per cent greater than the difference observed for the early planting. Increases of 22 and 31 per cent were observed for riboflavin and thiamine, respectively.

Virginia Egg Prices Above Nation's Average

The dozen eggs Virginia farmers took to market in mid-June brought nearly 50c, an increase of 4c above May, and 56 per cent above June last year.

In contrast, the U. S. average price declined 1-2 cent from a month earlier.

The egg-feed ratio this spring was favorable, and is expected to be a contributing factor to an increase in layers this fall and winter.

D. U. Livermore, poultry marketing specialist at V. P. I., says a dozen eggs this spring would buy about three pounds more feed than it would last year.

The number of chicks produced by commercial hatcheries in May increased 29 per cent above last year. Even though a large part of this increase arises from increased placements in broiler chicks, an increase in demand for chicks for flock replacement is expected.

Chicks and young chicks of this year's hatching on farms June 1 were estimated at 8 per cent more than a year ago.

As for egg production— it declined from the high point of 135,000,000 in March to 119,000,000 in May, a point 9 per cent below last year.

Homemakers' Items

Getting a fabric-covered belt as clean as the rest of the garment is sometimes a problem. Some belt coverings aren't color-fast and can't be washed. Home economists at V. P. I. suggest sponging this type of belt gently with a dry-cleaning fluid such as carbon tetrachloride. If the belt is washable, scrub it with a soft brush dipped in a mild detergent. Then wipe it off with a cloth wrung out of clear water. Dry either kind of belt as quickly as possible by blotting with a Turkish towel, to prevent any possible color fading from the belt interlining.

For a tasty picnic dessert, peel back a strip of banana peel and scoop out part of the fruit with a spoon. Fill the depression with a marshmellow and bits of semi-sweet chocolate. Tie the banana peel back in place, or better still, wrap the whole banana in aluminum foil. Place the fruit in coals on a fire. Leave it in for 15 or 20 minutes, and it will come out a delicious mixture.

Household equipment manufacturers are adding new safety features to kitchen appliances to protect homemakers and young children.

For instance some of the newer gas stoves have burner grates with small openings so you can heat small cups without danger of spilling.

another important improvement in gas stoves is the location of petcocks on the working surface rather than on the front where small children may turn them on. Some petcocks also are equipped with a safety lock. You have to push down a button to release the handle.

Home freezer chests are safer with a new counter-balanced hinge that holds the heavy lid in any position you leave it. A newly-developed plastic shield for electrical outlets prevents danger to young children. It snaps tightly over the wall socket.

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Route One

Route One, July 24.- Mrs. J. P. Rector was hostess to the Susan Haar Home Demonstration Club this month. Mrs. Rector and Miss Ava Chilton gave a demonstration on luncheon dishes. Refreshments consisted of frozen salads and iced drinks.

Miss Emma Haar spent Wednesday in the home of Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Powell, of Roanoke have been visiting relatives in the neighborhood this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marshall, of Lynchburg were dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. John Marshall on Saturday.

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Ray Hudson, U. S. N., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hudson. Others visiting in the home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell, Mrs. George Bishop, of Crewe; Miss Barbara Tyree, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hudson and Irvin Hudson.

Shelby Tucker's mother and two brothers, of Tennessee, have been visiting him and Mrs. Tucker this week.

Mrs. Otey Jones is better at writing.

Shelton Hudson was taken t Lynchburg hospital Monday treatments.

Mrs. Raymond Rosser visited mother, Mrs. J. P. Rector on M day.

Charlie Paulett, U. S. A. F., spending a 15-day leave here his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E Paulett.

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Think of Brother

Lesson for July 29, 1951

Dr. Foreman

THE Christians in the city of Corinth were bothered about a number of things. One of them never bothers anybody any more, and yet, strange as it seems, it throws a light on some of the hottest problems a Christian meets.

The Corinthian problem was beefsteak. We have a problem with that too, — that is, how are we going to pay for it? That wasn't the Corinthian problem.

This was away back in Roman times. Every city had its temple where sacrifices were made to the gods. Sacrifices were of all kinds, from flowers to cattle. It was considered rather wasteful, after killng a big bull, to throw the carcass away; so after the ceremonies at he temple, the rose-garlands would e taken off the beast's neck, and he animal would be hauled away o some butcher's shop, where it ould be cut up into roasts, steaks nd what not, and sold over the ounter just like any other meat.

Now some of the Christians bean to worry over their meat suply. Suppose I buy a steak in the arket (one would ask) and supose that steak came from a bull r a cow that has been killed as a acrifice to one of these heathen ods? Won't that make me guilty f idolatry?

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our Conscience
ay be Clear, but—

O they wrote to the best man they knew, their old evangelist d pastor, the man who had conerted them to Christ and organed their church, the Apostle Paul. hey asked him about this and her things; and what we call I Corinthians" is his answer.

You might think this beefsteak problem trivial, but Paul never handled a trivial problem in a trivial way. He approached the problem in this way: Meat is only meat, he said; it certainly wasn't the bull's fault that he was part of a heathen ceremony. As for the butcher, he paid good money for the animal, in a perfectly respectable business transaction. Then where was the sin in eating such meat?

But wait a minute. Suppose you e dining out, and you happen to ow where the meat came from, d everybody at the table knows, d somebody at the table isn't ry clear-headed, and when he es you eating the meat, thinks u must be approving of heathen crifices; then what?

Or perhaps, some one else is less lightened than you; eating such at seems quite wrong to him, when he sees you eating it, he y (just to be polite) follow suit, d yet his conscience, not being educated conscience like yours, l hurt him all the same. So what u do quite freely and rightly, uses another man to go against s conscience.

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nk of Your Brother!

OW, then, Paul says: "If what I eat makes my brother fall, I l never eat meat again, rather n make my brother fall." (Amern translation.) There you have Christian principle.

The important question is not, "Is it any harm?" but, "What ffect is this going to have on her people?"

e have seen that the basic ristian principle in all human retionships is the importance of sonality. If an act, even a harmless and blameless act, hurts pers—makes them sin, makes m go against their own conence, then the Christian's rule is once: Don't.

he rightness or wrongness of a g is not all in the thing itself: comes from its effects on pers. Now apply this to some of own problems of social living. drinking alcoholic liquor a sin? Is use of tobacco sinful? Is dancing ng? (—to name a few.)

et us suppose, for the sake of argument, that you are not med by such things yourself. It fact, however, that some people harmed by them. Now suppose r act, which is quite harmless you and done with a clear conence, influences another and pers weaker person to indulge in ething harmful to him? Then a istian will say, as Paul said: If thing makes my brother fall, will never do it again. Which, er all, is more important to me, own freedom or my brother's racter?

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, July 23.- Miss Sandra Webb, of Lynchburg visited her grandmother, Mrs. D. P. Moon recently at Appomattox.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. E. G. Anderson. The Spout Spring Home Demonstration Club members wish her a speedy recovery.

Those visiting D. P. Moon Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dean and family, Raymond, Bobby and Frances. Also Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin and boys, Jerry, Mickey and Paul.

Barry and Kieth Webb, of Lynchburg visited Jerry and Mickey Martin recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Moon and children, Joyce and Danny visited relatives at Evergreen Sunday.

Mickey Martin had the misfortune to burn his foot last week, but is improving rapidly now.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, July 23.- Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs and children and Mrs. Percy Garrette spent several days last week in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant, of Cullen spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale.

Mrs. Alice Grow spent the week-end with Miss Edna and Elsie Megginson.

Miss Yvonne Beale and Everett Beale spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Megginson spent last week in Norfolk with his brother, Jim Megginson.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, July 23.- Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman and Mrs. Rachel Rode.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs and family and Mrs. Percy Garrett spent the week-end at Virginia Beach.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman and daughter.

Mildred Ann Thornhill spent the week-end in Lynchburg with Gloria Ann Lewis.

Maymont in Richmond Beautiful Just Now

Richmond, July 25.- One of the surest signs of spring in Richmond, according to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Development, is the sight of small boys intently poking sticks into the mud bottoms of the pools of the famed and beautiful Japanese Gardens at Maymont Park, urging the small turtles to come out of hibernation.

Maymont is the million - dollar former estate of Major and Mrs. James H. Dooley who willed it to the city "for the benefit and pleasure of its citizens." On week-ends in particular, and every day except Monday, thousands of visitors saunter along the many paths, admiring the well kept grounds which are covered with flowers trees and native to many parts of the world and which comprise one of the largest collection of this kind in the East.

The Japanese Gardens, lying at water level along the James River, were planned and made by Japanese gardeners imported for the purpose by the Dooleys. High above the pools, quaint bridges and pagodas, spills a waterfall, flowing through a series of fountains to the gardens below. Another high point of interest is the Italian Garden with its pergola located not far from the Dooley Mansion.

Throughout the spring, summer and fall, Maymont is a color photographer's paradise with its hillsides of delicate pink and rose blossoms ranging in hue to deep, golden yellows and royal scarlet. Many scenes around the park are reminiscent of views in foreign lands and are constantly offering a challenge to the visitor to catch a rare combination of trees, sky, buildings and flowers on film. During the summer months, the mansion is open as a museum, housing a large collection of paintings, tapestries, furniture, rugs and other objects of art. Of particular interest is the swan motif of the furnishings in the bedroom of the former owner's wife.

At present plans are under way to convert the stone stable on the estate into a meeting place for garden lovers. Later on facilities will be provided for horticultural research and experimentation. The city and the Garden Club of Virginia are raising funds each year for this project, hoping to establish Maymont as not only one of the nation's most beautiful public parks, but as an arboretum, employing a horticulturist.

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